(ii) Muster Roll verification has to be done in a campaign mode and consolidated reports sent to the Ministry.

(v) Transparency

(i) States have been directed to conduct social audit of each and every work of NREGA within three months. Members of the Central Employment Guarantee Council are actively participating in the Social audit. Social Audit has been done in 53911 Gram Panchayats.

(ii) A Citizen Information Board has been introduced. This board is to be displayed at all prominent places. This will enable the local community to know the works being undertaken under NREGA and would also facilitate the process of spreading awareness about the programme.

(vi) MIS

A comprehensive Web-based MIS www.nrega.nic.in has been implemented which places all data in public domain. This data pertains to workers, entitlements like registration, Job cards, muster rolls, employment demanded and provided; work data like sanctioned shelf of works, work estimates, work in progress, measurement; Financial indicators like funds available/spent, amount paid as wages, materials and administrative expenses. Data software has been engineered for cross vertification of records and for report generation.

(c) Yes, Sir. Some complaints have been received regarding implementation of NREGA. These have been forwarded to the concerned State Government for appropriate action.

Resumption of Arms Supply to Nepal

*27. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nepal's Army Chief visited New Delhi in December 2007, met Indian leaders and made a pitch for India resuming arms supplies to Nepal;

(b) if so, in what specific areas of arms supplies, he sought Indian arms supplies; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) The Chief of Army Staff, Nepalese Army visited India from December 9-16, 2007 to participate in the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun. There was an exchange of views on various issues concerning India's long standing Defence Cooperation with Nepal.

SEZs in Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra

†*28. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) sanctioned for Maharashtra and the number of SEZs, out of these, to be set up in the Vidarbha region;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi